MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The exact measurement is not with me. I don't know if it has been taken.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the price of the machinery if the information is available?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The capital cost of the machine is Rs. 12,606-25-8.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it after obtaining expert opinion that fissures that appear on the surface are grouted for strengthening the foundation?

PRESIDENT: That is not a supplementary question. If you want information on that point you will have to ask a fresh question.

Cross-roads in Shertallai taluk.

120. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the cross-roads in Shertallai already sanctioned, and the construction of which was begun, have been discontinued throughout the whole of this year (1106)?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The only cross road begun is the Kalavur-Mannanchery road which has been practically completed except for a small bit in the centre for which land has not been handed over.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is the member aware that the Kalavur-Mannancherry road is not in the Shertallai taluk?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Of course, the question did not confine itself to roads in Shertallai.

The question is:

> "Will the Government be pleased to state why the cross-roads in Shertallai already sanctioned, and the construction of which was begun, have been discontinued throughout the whole of this year?"

The information was probably supplied on the basis of the cross-roads with regard to the Alleppey-Shartallai road.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is the member aware of any of the cross-roads in Shertallai whose construction has been begun?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): So far as I know this is the only cross-road that has been taken up. Another road has been sanctioned, but it has not yet been taken up.

Contribution in lieu of duty on petrol.

121. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Are the Government aware that the Government of Mysore receive a contribution from the Government of India in lieu of the duty on petrol consumed within the Mysore State?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Government have no authentic information on the point.

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MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know whether Government propose to enquire into the matter and obtain authentic information on the point?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have already taken action.

Temporary bridge at the Neriamangalam kadavu.

122. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the officer who gave the contract for the construction of a temporary bridge at the Neriamangalam *kadavu* in Minam 1106;

(*b*) the name of the person to whom the contract was given;

(*c*) the amount of the contract;

(*d*) whether it was given after inviting tenders; and

(*e*) if not, the reason for the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. K. Raja Raja Varma, Assistant Engineer, Kothamangalam Sub-Division.

(*b*) Mr. P. I. Gopalan Nayar.

(*c*) Rs. 3,420/-.

(*d*) No; by special arrangement.

(*e*) The work was urgent and had to be carried out in a short time and hence the most reliable contractor had to be engaged.

Members Selected for the Finance Committee.

PRESIDENT: At the election which was held last evening, the following members were elected to serve on the Standing Finance Committee for 1107:

Messrs.—A. Thanu Pillai, S. Krishna Pillai and K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.

Election of Members to the Central Road Board.

Members have to be elected to the Central Road Board and after the House rises to-day, the non-official members will please meet under the chairmanship of the Deputy President and elect four members, one from each revenue Division, for the Central Road Board from among those representing the general constituencies.

Members co-opted for the Kshatriya Bill.

I have also to inform the House that two members of the Kshatriya community have been co-opted as members of the House for the consideration of the Kshatriya Bill which is now before it namely Mr. M. Rajaraja Varma Raja M. A., B. L., Retired Devaswom Commissioner, and Mr. M. Kerala Varma Tampan, Vakil, Parur.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

REVENUE RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

PRESIDENT: The House will now resume the consideration of Mr. Thanu Pillai's amendment to the Revenue Recovery Regulation Amendment Bill.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*). Sir, I shall begin to-day by a reference to the powers of the Tahsildars in regard to the attachment

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